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Dear Doctor Lederberg:

Please pardon my delay in responding to your kind note of some weeks ago. Between a short absence from Ithaca and a deluge of pressing correspondence in connection with my duties as an editor, the more interesting, though less pressing, mail has accumulated.

A few days ago I sent you a couple of reprints of the paper we published ten years ago, based on work which was actually done some twenty years ago.

At the time the work was done, variability in bacteria was scarcely a respectable subject--let alone ideas on sex! However, I have always thought that the approach used was a good one, but unfortunately the physiological characters selected were not suitable.

Your work is most interesting and valuable, and I feel confident that you will succeed in obtaining definite results which will be accepted. I take it that the report of the Cold Spring Harbor meetings has not yet been published. I would indeed appreciate very much receiving reprints of the papers you publish on this subject.

With all best wishes,

Very sincerely yours,


J. M. Sherman

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